

For Fern ONLY!

Really what I've been wanting to write about, Fern, is to ask "DOES BEN RICHARD HAVE A BIBLE???? We got one for him, if he doesn't have, but mine is all to pieces, so, if he doesn't need one I can use it. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN! If he doesn't need a bible, what do you think he would like, that we could get for him?? Mother

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Won't have time to put them up, even if we wanted to, because our meeting started, yesterday, and the visiting preacher is staying with us, so we won't get much done, this week. We plan to take it a little easier, since we are both about worn out. Had to clean out the east bedroom, so the preacher could stay in there--most of the time it looks as if a storm had struck it!--. Moved the machine out on the little front porch, hoping to get to sew a little, this week, but may not. Also want to get the cotton carded to put up a quilt as soon as the meeting is over. Wanted to get to it, much sooner, but just couldn't. Have been trying to learn the V.B.S. music, and will have charge of the Jr.s, if I can feel like working with them, so that will be a hard week, about the middle of June. I'm taking two kinds of medicine for my arthritis and kidney trouble, but it is not helping much, it seems. My right side hurts so bad, sometimes, that I can hardly get out of the bed in the mornings.

Today is pickup day. Won't have many to go, this time, but had 75 two weeks ago. Nearly all the mothers now have nests full of babies, again. I didn't get to wash, last week, so will have to do that, this week. Just got a two weeks ago ironing done, last week! Did get all the winter clothes sunned, sprayed, and put away, tho', so glad that is done. I know you too, are all too busy for words, getting ready for the closing of school, etc. School was out, here, last week, for the berry picking.

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Must close, Love and kisses to all,

Mother Graham.

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Dear Children:

MY, MY, the days FLY by, so fast! Every day, I think I will write, B*U*T don't get it done! Want to see everybody so bad, can hardly wait until Aug., but it will be here before we know it, AND before we get ready for it, I'm sure! Had letter from Sister, Sat., asking if we had started packing! SURE, (as Polly says,) I've been packing most all this winter! But will have a lot more to do, of course, before time to start.

Have so many interruptions of my plans, that is difficult to accomplish what I plan to, each week. And, then, so many days, lately that I haven't felt like much. Guess we both have spring fever, as Daddy doesn't feel good, either. He tires pretty easily, tho' he gets out and does a lot of digging, and other things. He is really interested in flowers, and enjoys working with them, and watching them grow and bloom. Every day, for over three weeks we couldn't keep from thinking of you, even if we had wanted to,--which we didn't--because of the gorgeous tulips, that bloomed for over 3 weeks! MY, we didn't know that tulips could be so lovely! We would have to look them over several times a day to see how they were changing, opening, etc. All the neighbors would watch them too, and people passing by, would gaze at them. There has been something blooming ever since the blue wild flowers and creeping phlox and the forsythia started blooming. The last two days the huge poppies have started opening. They are all volunteer, tho', and think most of them are going to be red. We just lack for space for so many things, so never did get poppies planted, back last fall. Daddy has some garden, but most of the garden is in flowers. The strawberries are in, now, and we have more than we can keep up with, tho', the best of them will soon be gone. Still have frozen ones, left from last year, so don't plan to put up many.

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